## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for processing anchor text, comprising:
- 2 forming a set of anchors that point to a target document;
- 3 grouping together anchors with same anchor text;
- 4 computing information for each group; and
- 5 generating context information for the target document based on the computed
- 6 information.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- determining a language of each document in a collection of documents;
- determining rank of each document in the collection of documents; and
- 4 determining a proximity class of each document in the collection of documents.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- determining a predominant language in the set of anchors; and
- pruning anchors from the set that are not in the predominant language.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 pruning anchors from the set that include at least a portion of a path to the target
- 3 document.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 pruning anchors based on a configurable set of words.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein computing information further comprises:
- 2 computing a weighted sum of occurrences for anchor text for anchors in each
- 3 group.
- The method of claim 1, wherein computing information further comprises:

2 computing an accumulated rank for each group. 1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein computing information further comprises: 2 computing a linguistic score for each group. 9. 1 Them method of claim 1, wherein computing information further 2 comprises: 3 generating a relevance score for each group. 1 10. A computer system including logic for processing anchor text, 2 comprising: 3 forming a set of anchors that point to a target document; 4 grouping together anchors with same anchor text; 5 computing information for each group; and . 6 generating context information for the target document based on the computed 7 information. 1 11. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic further comprises: 2 determining a language of each document in a collection of documents; 3 determining rank of each document in the collection of documents; and 4 determining a proximity class of each document in the collection of documents. 1 12. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic further comprises: 2 determining a predominant language in the set of anchors; and 3 pruning anchors from the set that are not in the predominant language. 1 13. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic further comprises: 2 pruning anchors from the set that include at least a portion of a path to the target 3 document.

1 14. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic further comprises: 2 pruning anchors based on a configurable set of words. 1 15. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic for computing 2 information further comprises: 3 computing a weighted sum of occurrences for anchor text for anchors in each 4 group. 1 16. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic for computing 2 information further comprises: 3 computing an accumulated rank for each group. 1 17. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic for computing 2 information further comprises: 3 computing a linguistic score for each group. 1 18. Them computer system of claim 10, wherein the logic for computing 2 information further comprises: 3 generating a relevance score for each group. 1 19. An article of manufacture including a program for processing anchor text in documents, wherein the program causes operations to be performed, the operations 2 3 comprising: 4 forming a set of anchors that point to a target document; 5 grouping together anchors with same anchor text; 6 computing information for each group; and 7 generating context information for the target document based on the computed information.

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2	comprise:
3	determining a language of each document in a collection of documents;
4	determining rank of each document in the collection of documents; and .
5	determining a proximity class of each document in the collection of documents.
1	21. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the operations further
2	comprise:
3	determining a predominant language in the set of anchors; and
4	pruning anchors from the set that are not in the predominant language.
1	The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the operations further
2	comprise:
3	pruning anchors from the set that include at least a portion of a path to the target
4	document.
1	23. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the operations further
2	comprise:
3	pruning anchors based on a configurable set of words.
1	24. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the operations for
2	computing information further comprise:
3	computing a weighted sum of occurrences for anchor text for anchors in each
4	group.
1	25. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the operations for
2	computing information further comprise:
3	computing an accumulated rank for each group

- 1 26. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the operations for 2 computing information further comprise:
- 3 computing a linguistic score for each group.
- 1 27. Them article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the operations for
- 2 computing information further comprise:
- 3 generating a relevance score for each group.